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TO: Superintendents

FROM: Educator Quality Team

RE: 2008-2009 Data for Mandatory NCLBA HQT Reporting This Winter

DATE: January 2010

As outlined in the chart of “NCLBA Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) and Paraprofessional Accountability Requirements” (which is available at http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/licensing/hqt.html#nclba_accountability), each LEA must publicly report three data elements each year. They are:

1. The percentage of its core academic classes that were taught by teachers who were NOT HQT for their assignments in the previous school year,
2. The percentage of its teachers teaching under emergency licenses in the previous school year, and
3. The professional qualifications of its teachers.

This information must be reported for the LEA as a whole (LEA is defined as the school district) and for each school within the LEA.

NCLBA defines core academic subjects as: English language arts (including ESL), reading, math, science, social studies (history, geography, civics, and economics only), foreign languages, art, music, and the generalist endorsement areas of elementary education and early childhood education – grades K-3 only. In addition, alternative program and special education primary instruction assignments in math, science, social studies, and/or English language arts/reading are also considered “core” classes.

Enclosed are your 2008-2009 LEA and school level not-HQT data, which include regular education, alternative education, and special education “primary instruction” assignments in the core academic subject areas. Your LEA and school-level emergency licensure data are also included.

Also included with this mailing is a list of the individual 2008-2009 “core” classes that were taught by teachers who were not HQT for their assignments. Before publicly reporting the data in the enclosed reports, please review this list carefully and contact us to resolve any discrepancies.